PETITION FOR ZONING VALIANCE 34 -60-4 TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY The undersigned legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baitimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section 415A.1 to allow a recreational vehicle, (motor home) to be stored in the front yard instead of the required side yard 8' to the rear of a lateral projection of the front foundation line of the dwelling or rear yard. of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty) There is no access to the rear of subject property to park the vehicle. The only place to park it is the driveway to the carport - or on the street. The vehicle is 27' long and may create a hazard because of the children attending Red House Run Elementary School. My wife has partial paralysis and it would create a real hardship for her if it had to be parked on the street. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law For Baltimore County. I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Contract Purchaser: Legal Owner(s): (Type or Print Name) (Type or Print Name) Swen C Spruth Signature (Type or Print Name) Elice ! City and State Attorney for Petitioner:

(Type or Print Name) _Baltimore, MD _21237_ City and State Name, address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser or representative to be contacted City and State Attorney's Telephone No.: ORDERED By The Zo ng Commissioner of Baltimore County, this _____ 21st ____ day of July , 1983, that the subject matter of this petition be advertised, as required by the Zoning Law of Baltimore County, in two newspapers of general circulation throughout Baltimore County, that property be posted, and that the public hearing be had before the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 106, County Office Building in Towson, Baltimore County, on the _____ 24th ____ day of ___August ____, 19_83 , at _11:00 o'clock

June 16, 1983

Re: Item #236 (1982-1983)

District 14th

Weyburn Rd.

The following comments are furnished in regard to the plat submitted to this

Baltimore County highway and utility improvements exist and are not directly

Bureau of Public Services

ROBERT A. MORTON, P.E., Chief

This office has no further comment in regard to the plan submitted for Zoning Advisory Committee review in connection with this Item 236 (1982-1983).

office for review by the Zoning Advisory Committee in connection with the subject

Property Owner: Owen C. & Elsie M. Smith, Jr.

W/S Ellinwood Rd. 115' N. from centerline of

Acres: 65.27/79.77 X 99.54/103.33

BALTIMORE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

HARRY J. PISTEL, P. E. DIRECTOR

Mr. William E. Hammond

County Office Building

Towson, Maryland 21204

Zoning Commissioner

Dear Mr. Hammond:

General:

RAM: EAM: FWR:ss

J-NE Key Sheet

NE 4 E Topo 89 Tax Map

14 NE 20 Pos. Sheet

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 1st day of August, 1983, a copy of the foregoing Order was mailed to Mr. and Mrs. Owen C. Smith, Jr., 1740 Ellinwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21237, Petitioners.

BALTIMORE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
494-3550

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE

14th District

Mr. Commissioner:

Peter Max Zimmerman

Deputy People's Counsel

Centerline of Weyburn Rd.,

W/S Ellinwood Rd., 115' N of the

OWEN C. SMITH, JR., et ux,

: BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER

: Case No. 84-60-A

John W. Hessian, III

Rm. 223, Court House

John W. Hessian, III

494-2188

Towson, Maryland 21204

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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ORDER TO ENTER APPEARANCE

Charter, I hereby enter my arrance in this proceeding. You are requested to notify

me of the passage of any preliminary or final Order in connection therewith.

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 524.1 of the Baltimore County

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

August 2, 1983

Mr. William Hammond Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

STEPHEN E. COLLINS DIRECTOR

Item No. 234, 235, and 236 Property Owner:

ZAC- Meeting of May 17, 1983

Location: Existing Zoning: Proposed Zoning:

District:

Dear Mr. Hammond:

The Department of Traffic Engineering has no comments for item numbers 234, 235, and 236.

Traffic Engineer Assoc. I

MSF/ccm

BALTIMORE COUNTY

ZONING PLANS

ADVISORY COMMITTEE



PETITION AND SITE PLAN

EVALUATION COMMENTS

BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 11, 1983

COUNTY OFFICE BLDG. 111 W. Chesapeake Ave. Towson, Maryland 21204 Mr. & Mrs. Owen C. Smith, Jr. 1740 Ellinwood Road

Baltimore, Maryland 21237

RE: Item No. 236 - Case No. 84-60-A Petitioner - Owen C. Smith, Jr., et ux Variance Petition

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Smith: Engineering Department of State Roads Commissio Bureau of Fire Prevention

Realth Department Project Planning Building Department Board of Education Zoning Administration

Development

Nicholas B. Commodari Chairman

MEMBERS

Bureau of

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. The Director of Planning may file a written as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Beckeler B. Commaderi NICHOLAS B. COMMODARI Chairman Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

Enclosures

NBC:bsc

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

William E. Hammond, Zoning Commissioner TO Office of Planning and Zoning Date May 23, 1983

FROM Ian J. Forrest SUBJECT Zoning Variance Items

The Baltimore County Department of Health has reviewed the following zoning variance items, and has no specific comments regarding same:

Item # 178 - Joseph L. Soley Item # 181 - Robert H. & Mildred J. McKenny Item # 190 - J. N. G. Company, Inc. Item # 191 - Fred L. Elrick, Sr. Item # 192 - Cohn Brothers Item # 198 - Galway, Incorporated
Item # 199 - Clarence & Irene McNeal Item # 204 - Robert C. Baumgartner Item # 207 - F & S Partnership Item # 210 - Ervin J. & Joan W. Cerveny Item # 211 - Middle River Realty Company, Inc. Item # 224 - Barry L. & Ruth Green Item # 225 - Hattie Kirson Item # 228 - Christopher R. & Pamela L. Burrow Item # 230 - Richard L. & Licia M. Hilbert Item # 231 - James E. & Mary H. O'Meara, Jr. Item # 232 - Venice K. Paterakis Item # 233 - Merritt Blvd. Limited Partnership Item # 234 - Ruxton Crossing Joint Venture
Item # 236 - Owen C. & Elsie M. Smith, Jr.
Item # 237 - Joseph W. & Donna M. Stack
Item # 238 - John W. & Maureen S. Diegel Item # 241 - Broadus B. & Ruth W. Whitlock, Jr.
Item # 242 - Herbert L. & Patricia H. Grymes Item # 243 - Lawrence J. & Patricia A. Sadowski Item # 244 - Edwin B. & Sharyn A. Brager Item # 246 - Martin Plaza, Inc. Item # 248 - Martin H. Feeheley, Jr., et ux

Item # 172 - F & M Enterprises, Inc.

Ilmy Ian J. Forrest./Director

BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Nicholas Commodari Zoning Department Date__June_6,_1983____

Charles Burnham FROM Building Plans Review Zoning Advisory Committee SUBJECT Meeting of May 17, 1983

> Item #179 Revised - See Comments Item #234 - Standard Comments Item #235 - Standard Comments Item #236 - No Comments

> > Charles & Sumbon

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Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of property, and public hearing on the Petition and it appearing that strict compliance with the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations would/would not

result in practical difficulty and unreasonable hardship upon the Petitioner(s) and the granting of the variance(s) requested will/will not adversely affect the health, safety, and general welfare of the community, the variance(s) should /should not be granted.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, this ——— day of ______, 19____, that the herein Petition for Variance(s) to permit

BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Towson, Maryland - 21204

Date: May 12, 1983

Mr. William E. Hammond Zoning Commissioner Baltimore County Office Building 1111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Robert Y. Dubet, Superintendent

Z.A.C. Meeting of: May 17, 1983

RE: Item No: 234, 235 / 236 Property Owner: Location: Present Zoning: Proposed Zoning:

> District: No. Acres:

Dear Mr. Hammond:

All of the above have no adverse effect on student population.

Wm. Nick Petrovich, Assistant Department of Planning

BALTIMORE COUNTY
OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONII
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
494-3353 OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING

ARNOLD JABLON ZONING COMMISSIONER

August 26, 1983

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Mr. and Mrs. Owen C. Smith, Jr. 1740 Ellinwood Road Baltimore, Maryland 21237

> RE: Petition for Variance W/S of Ellinwood Rd., 115' N of the center line of Weyburn Rd. - 14th Election District Owen C. Smith, Jr., et ux - Petitioners NO. 84-60-A (Item No. 236)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith:

I have this date passed my Order in the above captioned matter in accordance with the attached.

> Very truly yours, Zoning Commissioner

Attachments

cc: Steven M. Vogelhut, Esquire 502 Equitable Building Baltimore, Maryland 21202

John W. Hessian, III, Esquire People's Counsel

BALTIMORE CO TY
FIRE DEPARTMEN.
TOWSON MARYLAND 21204 2566
494-4500 PAUL H REINCKE CHIEF

Mr. William Hammond September 14, 1983 Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building

Attention: Nick Commodari, Chairman Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

RE: Property Owner: Owen C. and Elsie M. Smith, Jr.

Location: W/S Ellinwood Road 115' N. from centerline of Weyburn Road Item No.: 236 Zoning Agenda: Meeting of May 17, 1983

Gentlemen:

Towson, Maryland 21204

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below marked with an "X" are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

() 1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals or _____feet along an approved road, in accordance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the Department of Public Works.

() 2. A second means of vehicle access is required for the site.

() 3. The vehicle dead end condition shown at

EXCEEDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department.

() 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation.

() 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1976 Edition prior to occupancy.

() 6. Site plans are approved, as drawn.

(x) 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments, at this time.

REVIEWER: Cott Cost Killy 9-1947 Approved: LOUL M N. Cognicol Fire Prevention Bureau Fire Prevention Bureau Special Inspection Division

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BALTIMORE COUNTY
OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 ARNOLD JABLON ZONING COMMISSIONER

August 11, 1983

Mr. & Mrs. Owen C. Smith, Jr. 1740 Ellinwood Road Baltimore, Maryland 21237

> Re: Petition for Variance W/S Ellinwood Rd., 115' N of the c/l of Weyburn Road Case No. 84-60-A

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Smith:

This is to advise you that \$63.45 is due for advertising and posting of the above property. This fee must be paid before an Order is issued.

Please make the check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland, and remit to Mrs. Arlene January, Zoning Office, Room 113, County Office Building, Towson, Maryland 21204, before the hearing.

No. 119479

Zoning Commissioner

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT

DATE__8/19/83 ACCOUNT R-01-615-000 AMOUNT \$63.45

PECEIVED Elsie M. Smith FOR Advertising & Posting Case #84-60-A

VALIDATION OR EIGNATURE OF CASHIER

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IN RE: PETITION ZONING VARIANCE W/S Ellinwood Rd., 115' N of the Centerline of Weyburn Rd., 14th District

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY Owen C. Smith, Jr., et ux, Case No. 84-60-A Petitioners

* * * * *

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW The Petitioners herein request a variance to permit a recreational vehicle (RV) to be parked in the front yard of the Petitioners' residence instead of parking it in the rear of said property or on the side at least eight (8) feet to the rear of the lateral projection of the front foundation line of the residence.

Petitioners appeared and testified on their behalf. Also testifying on their behalf were four (4) neighbors. A protestant appeared by way of counsel who presented evidence on his behalf and questioned Petitioners and their witnesses.

Testimony indicated by Petitioners that the placement of the RV in their driveway was mandated by the physical condition of Mrs. Smith and the configuration of the home, its attached carport and the topography of the lot, as more fully described in the site plan introduced as Petitioners Exhibit 3. The driveway of the Petitioners, which is nearest to the Protestant's home than other neighbors, leads to their carport which is attached to their home. The RV is too high to be parked in the carport and is parked in the driveway in front. The RV is 27 feet long and 8 feet wide. The distance between the carport and the side property line is 8.5 Leet at the point closest to the street and 12 feet in the rear. There is no way, and this was uncontested, for the RV to be moved rearward, either the side of the carport or through the carport. The topography of the

property also prevents any use of the rear to be utilized by the RV in that the property possesses a hilly terrain rather than being flat. There is no access to the rear yard. The carport also has an overhang which is lower than the height of the RV. There is absolutely no room to maneuver the RV around the carport. The Petitioners agree that the RV can be parked on the public street directly in front of their home. However, they maintain that to do so would create a danger to elementary school children who attend an elementary school in the neighborhood who might use the RV to dart by and between into the street directly into oncoming traffic that would be obstructed by the size of the RV in their peripheral vision. Also the Petitioners point to the inconvenience parking in the street would cause to them in that they would be limited to maintenance and preparation for use. However, the Petitioners main reason for their request for variance concerns the health problems suffered by Mrs. Smith, and described in Petitioners Exhibit 6. They state that due to the disability of Mrs. Smith, and their frequent use of the RV, the longer distance from the home to the street rather than to the driveway would limit access to the RV for Mrs. Smith. A witness for the Petitioners, Mrs. Noland, herself handicapped, confirms that Mrs. Smith has trouble walking distances and that the enjoyment of the RV by her

depends on the shorter distance represented by the RV being parked in the driveway. All of the witnesses presented by the Petitioners, and the Regition introduced as Petitioners Exhibit 12, agree that the RV parked in the driveway presents no hazard and is not an eyesore. All do not pose the request for variance.

One neighbor, the one most directly effected by being the nearest the driveway, objects. Mr. Krajewski, represented by counsel, did not

Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND No. 114791 OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT 8-8-83 ACCOUNT R. 11-615-600 con File to den 236 Smith de

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Mr. & Mrs. Owen C. Smith, Jr.

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

DATE: Wednesday, August 24, 1983

Avenue, Towson, Maryland

Baltimore, Maryland 21237

1740 Ellinwood Road

July 27, 1983

NOTICE OF HEARING

c/l of Weyburn Rd.

PLACE: Room 106, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake

W/S Ellinwood Rd., 115' N of the

Re: Petition for Variance

Case No. 84-60-A

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personally appear but through counsel made his objection known. Counsel indicates that the RV should be parked in the street as the law would require if the setbacks could not be met. He complains of the Krajewskis' view being blocked due to the height of the RV and therefore an impediment to their enjoyment of their home. Counsel argues that the lots are so close together that there is no way there can be no adverse impact by allowing the RV to be parked in the driveway. He points out that there exists

Petitioners do store the RV between late October and early April of each year when they do not use it. They park it in their driveway between April and October, when they make use of it often.

alternative solutions to the problem -- storage in rental facility, parking

on the street, or parking the RV in a neighbor's driveway which has been

offered to the Petitioners.

Petitioners seek relief from Section 415A.1, pursuant to Section 307, of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it appears that there would be practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship resulting to the Petitioners if the instant variance was not to be granted.

There is a strong presumption of the correctness of original zones and of comprehensive zoning. See Howard County v. Dorsey, 438 A 2d 1339 (1982). There is a presumption of validity that must be accepted. Johnson & Wales Cellege v. DiPiete, R.I., 448 A 2d 1271 (1982). The County Council has sen it necessary to legislate the permitted uses in particular zones thin the County, and one of the permitted uses in the IR 5.5 zone is the fight to park a recreational vehicle, subject to certain conditions as found

in Section LISA.1. In interpreting the soning regulations, the restrictive language contained must be strictly construed so as to allow the landowner the least restrictive use of his property. Lake Adventure, Inc. v. Zoning Hearing Bd. of Mingman Township, Pa Cmwlth, 440 A 2d 1284 (1982). When the language of a zoning regulation is clear and certain, there is nothing left for interpretation and the ordinance must be interpreted literally. Mongony v. Bevilacqua, R. J. 432 A 2d 661 (1981).

Therefore, Section 415A.1 must be enforced as it is clear and certain as to its meaning and intent. The coning regulations, however, permit a variance, pursuant to certain conditions as delineated in Section 307. To permit the variance to the "area" requirements of Section 415A.1, the variance must be judged under the "practical difficulties" or "unreasonable hardship" test, i.e., by looking to such factors as the nature of the zone in which the property lies, the character of the immediate vicinity and the uses contained therein, whether, if the restriction upon the Petitioners' property was removed, such removal would seriously affect such neighboring property and uses; whether, if the restriction is not removed, the restriction would create practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship for the owner in relation to his efforts to make normal improvements in the character of that use of the property which is a permitted use under the use provisions

A landowner can establish a right to a variance by showing that the effect of the regulation is to burden his property with an unreasonable hardship that is unique to his property. This can be accomplished by showing that the physical or topographical features of the property are such that

the property cannot be used for a permitted purpose, or by showing that the property can be arranged for such use only at a prchibitive expense. See Anderson v. Bd of Appeals of Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md app 28 (1974); Marlowe v. Zoning Hearing Bd, Haverford Township,

Pa Cmwlth, 415 A 2d 946 (1980).

After due consideration of all of the evidence presented and testimony given, it has been established that the requirement the Petitioners seek relief from would unduly restrict their use of the land for an intended permitted purpose of parking their RV; and if such requirement were to be enforced, conformance would be unnecessarily burdensome.

The topography and space between the adjoining property line, which has a fence constructed by the Protestant separating the two properties, do not allow for compliance without extreme, if not impossible, disruption. The same conclusion has been reached as to parking the vehicle on the street, that is, it would be unreasonable and a practical hardship to the Petitioners to so order. The spirit of the regulation will be observed and the public health, safety and general welfare secured if the variance was to be granted.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons above given, the variance requested should be granted.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore Count 26th day of August, 1983, that the Petition for Variance to permit a recreational vehicle to be parked in the front yard of the petitioners' residence instead of parking it in the rear of said property pron the side at least eight feet to the rear of the lateral projection the front foundation line of said residence be and is hereby GRANTED,

from and after the date of this Order.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

William E. Hammond, Zoning Commissioner July 29, 1983 Norman E. Gerber, Director Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT Zoning Petition #84-60-A
Owen C. Smith, Jr., et ux

There are comprehensive planning factors requiring comments on this petition.

> Norman E. Gerber, Director Office of Planning and Zoning

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PETITION FOR VARIANCE

14th Election District

Petition for Variance

LOCATION:

ZONING:

West side of Ellinwood Road, 115 ft. North of the centerline

of Weyburn Road

Wednesday, August 24, 1983 at 11:00 A.M. DATE & TIME: PUBLIC HEARING: Room 106, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake

Avenue, Towson, Maryland

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing:

Petition for Variance to allow a recreational vehicle (motor home) to be stored in the front yard instead of the required side yard 8 ft. to the rear of a lateral projection of the front foundation line of the dwelling or rear yard

The Zoning Regulation to be excepted as follows: Section 415A. 1 - location of recreational vehicle

with the Zoning Department.

Towson, Maryland

All that parcel of land in the Fourteenth District of Baltimore County

Being the property of Owen C. Smith, Jr., et ux, as shown on plat plan filed

Public Hearing: Room 106, County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue,

BY ORDER OF ARNOLD JABLON

ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Hearing Date: Wednesday, August 24, 1983 at 11:00 A.M.

7600 YORK FCAD 10W50N, MARYLAND 21204 301:821:732**2** 821-732**6** November 10, 1982

GEORGE J. RICHARDS, JR 🗐 .D

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: Mrs. Elsie Smith

This is to certify that this patient is completed and permanently disabled for all gainful employment. Her current condition is as follows:

(1) a partial left hemi-paresis, secondary to a Brown's Sequard syndrome.

(2) radiation desputitis with intermittent ulceration, right posterior shoulder and scapular region.

(3) carcinoms of the breast with skeletal metastases to the ribs. humarus and dorsal spine, correctly in remission.

ZONING DESCRIPTION

Beginning on the west side of Ellinwood Road 60 feet wide at the distance of 115 feet north of the centerline of Weyburn Road. Being Lot 2, Block V, in the subdivision of Highpoint Addition Book No. 28 FOLIO 82. Also known as 1740 Ellinwood Road in the 14th Election District, Baltimore County, MD.

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